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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication responds to an office action dated May 21, 2002, concerning the above-referenced patent application. By virtue of the accompanying petition and payment of extension fees, the present deadline for response is August 21, 2002. No other fees are believed due, but the PTO is authorized to invoice account No. 190741 for any charges deemed necessary. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

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7. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the residue at position 60 of the amino acid sequence of said null IGF-I is altered to a non-aromatic residue.

8. (Amended) The method of claim 7, wherein the residue at position 24 or 31 of said amino acid sequence of said null IGF-I is additionally altered to a non-aromatic residue.

Please add the following new claims 18-44:

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18. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the residue at position 60 of the amino acid sequence of said null IGF-I is altered to a leucine residue.

19. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the residue at position 24 of the amino acid sequence of said null IGF-I is a non-aromatic residue.

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